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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Export Controls

As you know, one of the principal factors in U.S. policy towards the USSR has been the establishment and maintenance of control over the export to Soviet and satellite countries of certain strategic and critical materials. The Economic Cooperation Administration, through its various European regional and country offices, has endeavored to secure the cooperation of Western European nations in the application of similar controls.

The Department of Defense is now desirous of evaluating for the National Security Council the effectiveness of such export controls. State Department Foreign Service officers as well as military attaches are currently being directed to report upon this subject from the various diplomatic missions to which they are accredited. This does not, however, preclude the desirability of a brief but definitive and global study, which I believe would be an appropriate subject for the Central Intelligence Agency to undertake. I therefore request that you prepare a topical report on the effectiveness from an overall strategic viewpoint of these export controls, as currently administered by the United States and by other countries engaged in similar measures.

/s/ LOUIS JOHNSON

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